



Tuesday 16th June 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

'In my path, three things are really important. One is associating with people who inspire us with their positive influence. The company we keep is very important. Number two is our spiritual practice. Putting aside sacred time every day to make that journey within, to tune into the frequency of our true nature and the love and the grace that is within us. Number three is to try living with ethical, moral and spiritual values, which culminates in unselfish service.'
Radhanath Swami

This is now our second day with partial opening, it is going extremely well. My deepest thanks goes out to all our dedicated staff, those who are in school and those who are working remotely and ensuring our children continue to learn and progress.

The above quote by Radhanath Swami explains my gratitude towards our team, their positivity, dedication and resilience ensure our children are calm and are being supported along this unusual journey. A thank you also to our wonderful parent community, for the continuous support and words of encouragement. You have been great, and your patience has shone through particularly those parents who have sent children to school.

Guidelines On Social Distancing

'The guidance to educational settings is different from the guidance to the general public on 2m physical distancing in the community.'

The DfE and Public Health England are clear that unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to early years and schools, this has been taken into account, however from the school's perspective we will continue to support our children to keep to the 2m rule so that this becomes part of their new routine.

Schools are advised to therefore, work through the hierarchy of controls to reduce the risk of transmission – crucially minimising contact and mixing by keeping children and staff in small consistent groups (bubbles) and keeping groups away from each other.



The guidance states that primary schools should work through the hierarchy of controls:

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms;
- frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices;
- regular cleaning of settings; and
- minimising contact and mixing.
- where schools can keep the bubbles 2 metres away from each other, they should do so.
- for older year groups in primary schools, desks should be spaced as far apart as possible.

You will see, from our Strategic Opening Plan, that the above measures and more are in place and will continue to be in place for the duration of this academic year.'

Revised Timings Of The School Day.

Drop Off

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| Key worker children: <i>Children who are not in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6.</i> | 7:30 - 7:45am | Gates Near Reception/Playground |
| Year 6 | 7:45 - 8:15am | Blue Gates |
| Year 1 | 8:15 - 8:45am | Blue Door |
| Reception | 8:45 - 9:15am | Gates Near Reception/Playground |

End Of The Day

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| Key worker children: <i>Children who are not in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6.</i> | 2:45 - 3:00pm | Gates Near Reception/Playground |
| Year 6 | 2:45 - 3:00pm | Blue Gates |
| Year 1 | 2:15 - 2:30pm | Blue Door |
| Reception | 12:30 - 12:45pm <i>(Take Lunch Home)</i> | Gates Near Reception/Playground |

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Protocol For Driving Into Schools

Although it may seem quiet when you drive into school, please ensure that you continue to follow protocol, which is to drive around the roundabout down to the school gate and park on the left. Please ensure you do not leave your child at the blue doors, kindly park up and walk your child to the allocated drop off point.

Children Attending School

We now have a register of children who are attending school, as from Monday 15th June to the end of the academic year. If your child is on our register, as from 15th June, and your child does not subsequently attend school, you must either email or leave a message with the school office. If we do not hear from you with a reason as to why your child is not in school, we will call you to know the reason.

If you are not currently on our register and wish to send your child to school, you must inform the school by email by 3pm on a Wednesday. This will give teachers time to organise their 'bubbles.' Your child will then be able to join the following Monday. If you do send your child in to school without informing the school, we will ask you to take your child home and you will be asked to the above process.

End Of Year Report

Your child's end of year report will be emailed to you within the next two weeks. We will not be reporting any data such as attendance, due to the pandemic, including pupil outcomes. Please read in conjunction with the report shared with you during the spring teacher/parent consultation where pupil outcomes were shared. During this period of lockdown, the various assessment procedures schools would normally carry out have not taken place, as per DfE advice, however the report will summarise your child's time in school.

Art Week: Monday 29th June To Friday 3rd June

Theme: Black Lives Matter – All Lives Matter

Children across the school will take part in a drop-down Art Week. They will be engaged in deep discussions around the theme which is very prominent in our lives. Teachers will support children, to be courageous, resilient and develop a sense of ownership further empowering our children as they continue life's journey, through powerful artwork.

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Google Classroom

Children and staff working remotely, via Google Classroom (GC) has been an interesting journey, a journey with many positive experiences. Unfortunately, we have had some instances where children have shared inappropriate comments towards their peers as well as towards staff.

When this happens, we carry out thorough investigations to understand what happened and follow through with parents and children. As parents, it is your responsibility to ensure that you are fully aware of what your child/ren are doing while using devices. For children under ten years old, parents are accountable and for children ten and above, the child is accountable.

If children continue with inappropriate comments via GC, the school will disable accounts and the child will have to complete work using the school website.

Last Day Of Term

Our last day of this academic year will be Thursday 23rd July. We will continue with the adjusted times, see above under revised timings of school day. Prior to the end of the academic year, I will share with you details of the next class teaching teams and any preparations/adjustments for the next academic year, this will be based on government guidelines.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

Mrs Bellare
School Principle

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